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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-CSM (600)

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Thunderbolt Six Policy Memo No. 38-46 – Armor Center Uniform Policy

1. Reference Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 1 July 2002.
2. The US Army Armor Center is recognized as one of the premier training centers in the world. Our leaders and soldiers are justly recognized as skilled, proud professionals. We must at all times maintain the bearing and appearance of skilled and proud professionals. Installation uniform standards do not replace, but supplement, Army uniform standards. With this in mind, commanders will ensure that all soldiers comply with the following installation military uniform standards.
 - a. Battle dress uniform (BDU) standards.
 - (1) Earplug case will be worn from the front right pocket buttonhole of the left breast pocket on the BDU blouse or on the left bottom pocket on the MBDU blouse. The earplug case will display the unit crest (badge or decal). Instructor fobs will be worn from the left pocket button of the same pocket.
 - (2) The brown T-shirt is never the outer garment. Keep the BDU blouse on.
 - (3) Sleeves can be worn up or down from 1 May to 1 September at the discretion of the commander when in formation and in cantonment areas (the field uniform will not change during this period).
 - (4) The BDU may be worn in civilian establishments during normal lunch hours (no alcohol will be consumed if served in the establishment). The BDU will not be worn in any civilian establishments after 1800, or in any establishment that serves alcohol before 1800 (except as previously stated).
 - (5) The uniform will be clean and serviceable.
 - (6) The BDU may be worn in the commissary, exchange, or shoppette without restriction.

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b. The field uniform (summer or winter) is the BDU uniform (sleeves down) with brown T-shirt, black boots, Kevlar with camouflage cover and band (chinstrap fastened), and Load Carrying Equipment (LCE). Unit commanders will designate equipment to be worn from the LCE. Field uniform will be worn as soldiers SP in tactical vehicles or NTV in order to conduct field training. All personnel conducting, supporting, or inspecting field training will wear the field uniform. The unit commander will prescribe cold weather gear.

c. Wear of the combat vehicle crewman (CVC) uniform is authorized while crewmen are performing actual tasks associated with their vehicle on a particular day. The black beret will not be worn with the CVC. The CVC is considered a field uniform and only the CVC helmet, Kevlar or patrol cap will be worn with it.

(1) While operating armored vehicles, crews will wear CVC uniform or BDUs: CVC helmet (chinstrap fastened) while operating the vehicle; Kevlar while engaged in field duty not operating the vehicle.

(2) While engaged in live fire, crews of armored vehicles will wear CVC uniforms with gloves, balaclava, CVC helmet, and body armor.

d. The OPFOR uniform may be worn while soldiers are performing actual OPFOR missions on a particular day. The OPFOR uniform will not be worn in any civilian or Main Post establishments.

e. Soldiers on flight status may wear Flight NOMEX when their primary duty on a particular day is flying.

f. Coveralls may only be worn while performing duties in designated maintenance work areas and sites. Coveralls will be removed before departing maintenance work areas and sites.

g. The Physical Fitness Uniform (PFU) is worn only when conducting physical training or enroute to/from physical training. It is not authorized for work or details. Personnel will not wear military and civilian physical fitness garments at the same time.

(1) The PFU will not be worn into civilian establishments (except when purchasing gas to and from physical training).

(2) The PFU will not be worn into any MWR or DCFA establishment.

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(3) The PFU is the normal duty uniform for Fitness Training Unit (FTU) cadre. It may be the normal duty uniform during Master Fitness Leader training in the unit area of training only. When outside of the training site, all above guidance will be followed concerning the wear of the PFU.

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